

	<p>to be a candidate. It also refers to an individual who has been certified as a nominee of a political party for a vacancy or has qualified by an authorized means as a candidate. An individual is also considered a candidate for purposes of this Article if they have made a public announcement of a definite intent to run for public office in a particular election. In addition, an individual is considered a candidate for the purposes of this Article even if they have not met any of the above criteria, but have received funds, made payments, or consented for anyone else to receive funds or transfer anything of value for the purpose of bringing about that individual's nomination or election to office. Transferring anything of value includes incurring an obligation to transfer anything of value. An individual continues to have "candidate" status for the purposes of this Article if they continue to receive contributions to repay loans or cover a deficit or make expenditures to satisfy obligations from an election already held. A candidate may be partisan or nonpartisan.</p>
Candidate Campaign Committee	Any political committee organized by or under the direction of a candidate.
Candidate-Specific Communications	Any broadcast, cable, satellite communication, mass mailing or phone bank made during an even-numbered year after the final date on which a Notice of Candidacy can be filed for the office through the day on which the general election is conducted that refers to a clearly identified candidate for a statewide office or the General Assembly and is targeted to the relevant electorate. Please see the section on Candidate-Specific Communications for more information on the disclosure requirements.
Communications media or Media	Refers to broadcasting stations, carrier current stations, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, outdoor advertising facilities, billboards, newspaper inserts, radio ads, TV ads, sound-truck advertising, airplane streamers, portable signs, pamphlets, fliers, mass mailings (over 500 pieces), cards, or any person or individual whose business is polling public opinion, analyzing or predicting voter behavior or voter preferences.